Mobile towers in Delhi

405. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than double of the permissible number of mobile towers have been established in Delhi;

(b) whether there is information about the effect of its rays on health; and

(c) if so, the details of the provisions for its regulation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Mobile towers are constructed/erected in an around the city by Service Providers to provide the adequate coverage to customers. However, siting clearance for erection of tower is issued by this Ministry (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology) from flying hazards and obstruction to any microwave link and other related technical parameters point of view. Hence, no specific limit has been defined regarding permissible number of towers in Delhi.

(b) and (c) The latest Fact Sheet No. 304 of May, 2006, of World Health Organization (WHO) States that from all evidence accumulated so far, no adverse short or long-term health efforts have been shown to occur from the RF signals produced by the base stations. Further a committee was setup under the Director General Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), as per the orders of Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, to study the effects of radiations from mobile phone towers and related aspects. The Committee had studied the effects and concluded that 'overall there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of RF exposures from mobile base stations.

Vacancies in Gujarat Telecom Circle

406. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of employees and officers in Group A, B, C, & D in the Telecom Circle of Gujarat;

(b) the sanctioned strength and working strength in the post of PGM, GM and DGM in the Gujarat Telecom Circle as on 30th June 2008, cadre-wise; and

(c) since when various vacancies in the above posts are not filled in and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Sir, sanctioned strength of employees and officers in Group, A, B, C and D in Gujarat Telecom circle are as follows:—